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## JEFFCO OUTPERFORMS THE STATE IN TCAP RESULTS

The 2011-12 Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) achievement results show the district is outperforming the state in all grade levels and content areas — reading, writing, math and science. Jeffco's scores range from three to 11 percent higher than those of the state.

Jeffco's biggest point of pride is the above average growth in math at elementary, middle and high school. Additional points of pride include:

- An emphasis on writing and reading at the middle school level has resulted in improved seventh-grade reading and writing scores.
- Jeffco elementary students continue to show high academic achievement and above average growth in reading, writing and math.
- 84 percent of sixth-graders scored advanced or proficient in reading.

Jeffco exceeds the state by an average of:

- 8 percent in science
- 7 percent in reading
- 7 percent in math
- 6 percent in writing

A three-year trend of scores shows that Jeffco is holding steady across most grade levels in reading and continues to outpace the state at all grade levels.

"These scores show us that our students and staff are continuing our traditions of academic excellence. We've shown gains, but we still have work to do to make sure every one of our kids is college and career ready. TCAP is just one measure of the great work being done in our schools," said Jeffco Superintendent Cindy Stevenson.

Colorado students in grades three through 10 take the TCAP tests which replaced the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) this year.